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SLC ROLE VITAL IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE HAD BEEN PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT SCHOOL CONCERT OF THE DISTRICT AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, MR FUNG PRAISED THE SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE (SLC) FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN ENHANCING THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL SCHOOLS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1982.

"THE SLC ALSO SERVES AS A LINK BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY SECTOR, AND ENCOURAGES SCHOOLS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

MR FUNG NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE SLC HAD ORGANISED MANY EDUCATIONAL, ACADEMIC AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

"THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE ENHANCED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE STUDENTS AND ENABLED THEM TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME MORE MEANINGFULLY. THEY HAVE ALSO INCREASED THE COMMUNICATIONS AMONG LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND ENHANCED THEIR CONCERNS FOR AND SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MORE THAN 1,300 TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS ATTENDED TONIGHT'S CONCERT WHICH FEATURED GROUP SINGING, ENGLISH POEM RECITAL AND PERFORMANCES OF VIOLIN, CHINESE DANCES AND A SILVER BAND.

THE CONCERT WAS ORGANISED BY THE SLC WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO COMMEMORATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR NG MAN-KIM, AND SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR KWOK WAI-KWONG.

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YOUTH SERVICES ESSENTIAL TO COMMUNITY

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AS AN EFFORT TO BUILD UP THEIR CONFIDENCE AND A HEALTHY PERSONALITY.

THE CALL CAME FROM THE REGIONAL OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES WEST) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR CARLOS LEUNG, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE OPENING OF THE YMCA'S KWAI CHUNG/TSING YI OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM OFFICE AT CHEUNG ON ESTATE, TSING YI, TODAY.

/MR LEUNG .....

MR LEUNG SAID YOUNG PEOPLE HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN OUR FUTURE SOCIETY. THIS WAS NOTED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990S AND BEYOND.

"IMPORTANCE SHOULD THEREFORE ALWAYS BE ATTACHED TO SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE," HE SAID.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK WAS AIMED AT SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK AND THOSE WHO WERE SOCIALLY MALADJUSTED OR HAD DEVELOPED PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOUR WHICH MIGHT BE DISRUPTIVE, DELINQUENT OR EVEN SELF-DESTRUCTIVE.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM, WHICH WAS SET UP IN OCTOBER 1989, FOR EFFECTIVELY SERVING THE YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING ON TSING YI ISLAND AND THOSE LIVING AT LAI KING, LAI YIU AND CHO YIU ESTATES.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 24 OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

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EMPLOYER FINED FOR UNSAFE WORK PRACTICE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO MEET THEIR GENERAL DUTY UNDER THE LAW TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THEIR WORKERS, OR ELSE THEY MAY BE PROSECUTED.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH AN EMPLOYER WAS CONVICTED OF FAILURE TO MEET HIS DUTY OF PROVIDING A SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (F & IU) ORDINANCE.

THE CASE REVEALED THAT A WORKER WAS KILLED BY SOME FALLING METAL BARS LAST YEAR WHEN WORKING INSIDE A CAISSON AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, SHA TIN.

THE EMPLOYER WAS PROSECUTED UNDER THE GENERAL DUTIES PROVISION OF THE F & IU ORDINANCE AND WAS FINED \$5,000 BY A SHA TIN MAGISTRATE.

ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS, THE PROPRIETOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING HAS THE DUTY TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK AND A SAFE WORKPLACE, INCLUDING ALL MEANS OF ACCESS TO AND EGRESS FROM THE WORKPLACE.

HE MUST ALSO ENSURE SAFETY IN THE USE, HANDLING, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT OF ARTICLES AND SUBSTANCES, AND PROVIDE HIS EMPLOYEES WITH ALL THE NECESSARY SAFETY INFORMATION, INSTRUCTION, TRAINING AND SUPERVISION.

AN EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE PROVISION WILFULLY AND WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 AND AN IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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	DATE ----	\$ MILLION -----
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	21.2.92	600
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	22.2.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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